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Mark W. Becker et al.

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For: PRODRUGS OF PHOSPHONATE
NUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES AND
METHODS FOR SELECTING AND MAKING
SAME

Examiner: P. C. Martin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.